

## MEMORIAL AND RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA,

IN FAVOR OF

*The grant of public lands to aid in the construction of certain railroads,  
so as to enable them to obtain greater mail facilities.*

FEBRUARY 18, 1857.—Read, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

JOINT RESOLUTION of the general assembly of the State of Iowa, asking a grant of lands to certain railroad companies herein named

Your memorialists would respectfully represent, that whereas the Congress of the United States has in other cases granted a portion of the public domain to aid in the construction of railroads in the western States and Territories, all of which served to advance the interests of the whole country; therefore,

*Be it resolved by the general assembly of the State of Iowa,* That a grant of land of each alternate section on either side of the Union railroad be made by the Congress of the United States, — miles wide, to be applied specifically in the construction of said road, under the direction of the legislature of said State, beginning at some point on the line of the Keokuk, Mt. Pleasant, and Muscatine railroad; thence to Iowa City; thence to Marion, via Cedar Rapids, at, above, or below which place it is to diverge, one branch going to Dubuque, the other, by the most feasible route, to near or east of the great bend of the St. Peter's river, in Minnesota Territory; thence to near or south of the Sauk Rapids, on the Mississippi river; thence to Superior City, at the western extremity of Lake Superior.

*And be it further resolved,* That our senators be instructed, and our representatives be, and are hereby, requested to use their influence in Congress to procure the passage of a law granting lands as herein before requested.

*And be it further resolved,* That the secretary of state is hereby required to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

SAMUEL MCFARLAND,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

W. W. HAMILTON,  
*President of the Senate.*

JAMES W. GRIMES.

Approved January 29, 1857.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the original roll on file in my office.

ELIJAH SELLS, *Secretary of State.*

